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Wilmington marks 3rd anniversary of 9-



On Wednesday, Sept. 11, the Wilmington Police Department and Wilmington Fire Department honored the 23rd anniversary of 9/11. A moment of silence was held at 8:46 a.m., followed by a moving rendition of "Amazing Grace" by department bagpiper Sgt. Matthew Stavro on the bagpipes. Like most Americans, Wilmington's police and fire departments will never forget. (Courtesy photos)





School Committee discusses teacher negotiations

By LIZZY HILL **News Correspondent**

WILMINGTON - The School Committee met on Wednesday, Sept. 11 to discuss representatives to take part in negotiations with staff members and updates on the two new

building projects. They approved the student activity accounts as provided.

Superintendent Dr. Glenn

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Brand mentioned that they had four bargaining units whose contracts would be expiring either at the end of this school year or over the upcoming summer: the teachers, educational assistants, administrative assistants, and nurses.

He mentioned that the teachers' union typically notices the committee or the superintendent of their intention to commence bargaining, which he anticipated they would do soon.

He invited the committee to start thinking about appointing members of the School Committee on the teams who would bargain with these four groups.

Chair Jesse Fennelly stated that they would take a vote on having David Ragsdale and Jenn Bryson

negotiate with the teachers, and himself and Stephen Turner negotiate with the educational assistants, for consistency.

Ragsdale added that Nicholas Golden would act as the alternate for the teachers' negotiation. He also asked the superintendent to describe the kind of commitment involved in negotiations and when they tend to take

Brand described how they typically meet with teachers, once negotiations begin, every 2-3 weeks in the late afternoon. The meetings usually have a time limit. Then, he said that the teachers' negotiations typically take longer given the scope and

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Superintendent reports on staffing, test scores, police

By LIZZY HILL **News Correspondent**

WILMINGTON — On Wednesday, Sept. 11, Wilmington School Superintendent Dr. Glenn Brand's report for the School Committee pertained to staffing, test scores, and the memorandum of understanding with the police department.

Brand first welcomed new staff at the start of the new school year. He shared that the district has approximately 550 staff members who either work full-time or part-time, including employees in food services and CARES.

There were 86 new staff members who represented approximately 15 percent of their staff and who Brand said he is thrilled to have join the district. He explained that the district experiences turnover which is common to most school districts for reasons of retirement or role changes. However, he said they were returning to a normal rate of turnover similar to that prior to COVID.

Brand then shared a shoutout to the hard work and accomplishments of Wilmington High School students guided by their educators and credit to Principal Ryan Gendron who put together a press release. The press release states that 84 percent of WHS Advanced Placement Test takers scored a three or higher. This is a significant increase from previous years, Brand noted.

"AP courses enable students who are willing and academically prepared to pursue collegelevel studies," he added.

Committee member Stephen Turner highlighted the data that only 66 percent of WHS AP Test takers scored a three or higher in 2021.

Next, Brand directed

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Wilmington Library News:

Wilmington Community Playground on Monday, Sept. 23

Adult Programs

Bookends Book Group Monday, Sept. 23, 10 a.m.

This book group discusses contemporary books, both fiction and non-fiction, led by Library Associate Rebecca Lowe. Copies of the book are available at the library. This month's featured book is Did 'Ye Hear Mammy Died? by Seamus O'Reilly.

Needleworkers at Night

Monday, Sept. 23, 6 p.m. These nighttime sessions are perfect for anyone who does any kind of needle craft but can't make it to Needleworkers during the day! Drop-in. This group now meets every Monday in the cozy seating area on the first floor of the Library.

HYBRID DEI Book Group

Monday, Sept. 23, 6:30

This group meets on the 4th Monday of the month. We read the book three chapters at a time to allow us to delve deeper into what we're reading. The current featured title is The Deviant's War by Eric Cervini. This meeting will cover chapters 9-14 (108 pages).

Drop-in Tech Help

Tuesday, Sept. 24, 2 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 25, 2 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 28, 2 p.m. Have a tech question that's been bugging you? Stop by Drop-in Tech Help.

VIRTUAL **Creative Writing Skills Group**

Tuesday, Sept. 24, 7 p.m. Learn and apply creative writing tips, tools, and techniques shared by published authors and other writing experts. Open to all who want to improve their writing skills and get their work published. Led by local writing enthusiast Barbara Alevras. To register, email Adult Services Librarian Erin Driscoll at adultservices@wilmlibra ry.org with the name of the event.

Hopothecary Ales Brewery Tour & Talk

Thursday, Sept. 26, 6 p.m. Curious about the brewing process? Join us for a brewery tour and talk at Hopothecary Ales in North Reading. Then, stick around

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legitimate insurance.



▲ Register for our Community Playgroup sessions on Monday mornings at 10 a.m. for ages 0-6. At Community Playgroup, we work on early literacy skills and much, much more! The first playgroup of every month focuses (Courtesy photo) on infants and toddlers.

after the tour for some pretzels and conversation! Ages 21+

Needleworkers

Friday, Sept. 27, 10 a.m. This is a social group for those who do any kind of needle craft. Bring your knitting, crocheting, quilting, etc. and enjoy conversation and camaraderie. Drop in.

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It's Your Money

by Todd Brisbois

tax fraud promoters make big promises — and charge high fees - but taxpayers are legally responsible for

what's on their return. Taxpayers should use only reputable tax professionals and know what is on their tax return. Although scammers are most active during filing season, they operate year-round, and taxpayers should always be on the lookout for these abusive schemes.

Schemes with international elements: These schemes include

digital asset accounts and nominee entities or in

Attempting to avoid U.S. tax by contributing to foreign

individual retirement arrangements in Malta or

potentially other host countries. The participants in

these transactions typically lack any local connection

• Participating in a purported insurance arrangement

with a Puerto Rican or other foreign corporation in

which the U.S. business owner has a financial interest.

These arrangements lack many of the attributes of

such as

a variety of tax evasion strategies including things like: · Hiding assets in offshore banks, brokerage accounts,

accounts holding digital assets,

Playgroup

Monday, Sept. 23, 10 a.m. The Community Teamwork Family Resource Network is here weekly! Join CTI for a community playgroup where we'll work on Early Literacy skills and much, much more! Ask CTI about any resources they can help provide for you and your family. The first playgroup of every month will focus on infants and toddlers. Ages 0-6, siblings

welcome

Preschool Storytime Tuesday, Sept. 24, 10 a.m. Join us at our Preschool Storytime! This program includes books, rhymes, music and movement.

Ages 3-6 Banned Camp —

Banned Books Art Making

Tuesday, Sept. 24, 6 p.m. Celebrate Banned Books Week by making buttons, stickers and other art to promote free expression! Grades 6-12

cludes books, rhymes, music and movement. Age 2

Early Release Teen Movie & Pizza

Wednesday, Sept. 25,

Enjoy the early release day with pizza and a movie at WML! Grades 6-12

Baby Time

Read to Stormy **Time for Twos** skills with Therapy Dog, Wednesday, Sept. 25, 10 Stormy! Sign up for one 15-minute session per Join us at our Time for child or family. If you Twos! This program in-

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sic and movement. Ages U-23 months Thursday, Sept. 26, 4 p.m. Practice your reading

would like for more than one child to attend the 15minute session together, please sign up one child and siblings and caregivers are welcome to join! Grades K-6

Sensory Discovery for Teens

Friday, Sept. 27, 10:30 a.m. Sensory Discovery is designed as an enrichment activity with fun games and crafts for neurodiverse teens! Ages 14-18

Teen DnD

Saturday, Sept. 28, 2 p.m. Interested in finding out more about this fantasy role-playing tabletop game, or looking for a group to play with? This month's session will be IN PERSON at the library. You may also participate on Discord, a private server. We use DnDBeyond to track and create our characters. Grades 6-12

Additional Information

Book Store Next Door The Book Store Next Door is open on Wednesdays and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Shop discount books! Paperbacks for \$1 and hardcovers for \$2. The Book Store is staffed by volunteers from the Friends of the Library and all proceeds help support library programs.

Museum Passes

The library has discounted passes to your favorite Massachusetts museums, attractions, and state parks. Find the full list on our website!

WML In-Person **Programming**

Registration is required for most in-person programs. Please check our website on the day of the program to confirm location. Masks are no longer required for vaccinated patrons while visiting the

WML Virtual Programming

The library continues to offer a variety of virtual events. Please note that registration is required in order to receive the Zoom link. Go to wilmlibrary.org to register or call 978-658-

Harty joins WPL as new library director

By HEATHER BURNS News correspondent

WILMINGTON — On Wednesday, Sept. 4, 2024 the Wilmington Public Library welcomed a new addition to their staff, Nathalie Harty, who is now the new library director.

Although now in a new position, Harty is not new to the Wilmington Public Library. A number of years

ago, Harty worked at the Wilmington Public Library as the very first Teen Service Librarian. After four years in that position, Harty pursued career opportunities elsewhere, but maintained a positive connection with the Town of Wilmington. She remembered fondly the support and encour-

agement that was given to her by then library

director, Tina Stewart.

"Those four years were amazing," said Harty. "It was so gratifying to work with the teens and the entire staff. I am so excited to be back at the Wilmington Library!'

Harty has an impressive formal education, holding a bachelor's degree in French and Hispanic Studies, and has earned a Master's degree in Library and Informations Studies.

Her career as a librarian started out in school libraries, but she has been working in public libraries throughout the Northshore area since 2002.

Most recently, Harty served as the head of Technical and Adult Services at the Ipswich Public Library.

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Lifestyle

Krochmal Farms PUMPKIN FESTIVAL

begins this weekend

By HEATHER BURNS **News Correspondent**

s the temperatures begin to cool, our mindset changes quickly from summer activities to fall. One of the first activities for many of

ection of the perfect pump-

For almost 30 years, locals have relied on a 4th generation family operated farm to help celebrate the autumn season.

On Saturday, Sept. 21, 2024, Krochmal Farm, lothe fall season is the sel- cated at 31 Jennies Way in

▲ ▼ Krochmal Farm is a 4th generation, family run farm that offers plenty of family fun for the fall season including visits with goats and other farm animals, and a challenging corn maze.





▲ Picking the perfect pumpkin at the Krochmal Farm Annual Pumpkin Festival has become a fall tradition for many local families.

open their fields for the annual Pumpkin Festival!

This annual event has become a tradition for many local families, offering field-picked pumpkins and plenty of seasonal activities.

On display for the picking, you will find a large selection of pumpkins grown on the farm in a wide variety of sizes to fit all your fall decorating

After selecting the perfect pumpkin, there is plenty to do to keep the entire family engaged for the afternoon.

Young and old will enjoy a leisurely horse drawn hay ride around the farm grounds. This 15 minute ride takes you through farmland as well as the neighboring wooded areas of the farm.

For the animal lovers in your family, an up close experience is waiting for you at the farm's Agricultural Exhibit. This interactive petting experience features playful goats that you can hand feed within the fenced area.

A farm favorite for kids is always the pony rides. This long standing tradition at the farm has been a must do, memory-making moment for many families.

Currently the farm is also the home of a flock of turkeys, two black angus, and a momma cow and her calf, offering plenty of photo opportunities with your family.

After feeding the farm animals, stop by the Snack Shack to satisfy your own appetites. The Snack Shack offers a wide variety of food, including burgers, hot dogs, sausage and fried dough. They also offer hot apple cider and hot chocolate to warm you up on those cool fall days.

Don't end the day without challenging your family with a trip through the Corn Maze. The maze encircles the entire Pumpkin Festival area and promises to be more diffi-

Tewksbury, will once again cult than it looks, so be sure to bring your topnotch navigation skills.

Pumpkin fields open on Saturday, Sept. 21 and the festival will be open every Saturday and Sunday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. until Oct. 27.

The festival will also be open on Indigenous People's Day (formerly known as Columbus Day), Monday Oct. 14, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

On Oct. 19, 20, 26 and 27, Krochmal Farm is also offering a Safe Trick or Treat Hayride event.

Children are encouraged to wear their Halloween costume for this 25 minute hayride where they will receive trick or treat candy from their favorite characters along the way.

Entrance to the pumpkin field or to view the farm animals is free, but there are additional charges for the Pony Rides, Hay Ride, Safe Trick or Treat Hayride, and for entrance to the Corn Maze.

The Safe Trick or Treat Hayride often sells out quickly, so guests are encouraged to buy tickets online in advance. For price information and to purchase advance tickets, visit www.krochmalfarms

This autumn season, start your fall decorating off right by finding the perfect, farm picked pumpkin from Krochmal Farm's Annual Pumpkin Festival.

The festive pumpkin display on your front steps will be a pleasant reminder of the memories made while supporting a local farm.

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Notice is hereby given by Route 133 Cannabis, LLC that a Community Outreach Meeting for a proposed Marijuana Establishment is scheduled for Monday, October 7th at 5:30 PM at Knights of Columbus Tewksbury Council #4336, 2068 Main Street, Tewksbury, MA 01876. The proposed marijuana retail establishment is anticipated to be located at 1625 Andover Street, Tewksbury, MA 01876. There will be an opportunity for the public to ask questions.



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Book Stew Review

'Green Dot' by **Madeleine Gray**

By EILEEN **MACDOUGALL**

My favorite 2024 obsessive love story! It begins as a hilarious satire on pre-COVID office life in Sydney, courtesy of the caustic 24-year old Hera, who falls into a terrible job moderating online content, and falls out of being a lesbian when she starts sharing private messages with a 40-year old married co-worker, Arthur.

There is out-of-control chemistry as Hera is stunned by her compatibility with a married man and with the knowledge that they truly "get" each other. Despite warnings from her friends about hiking on this well-trodden path of being the "other woman," at six months in, Hera is urging Arthur to leave his

When he doesn't, Hera leaves Sydney for London and for a miserably lonely interlude until COVID strikes and she slinks back home.

Although she is distractingly self-absorbed, Hera is also very dear to her father, her friends, and her dog, none of whom can save her from the inevitable consequences.

But how she learns what she learns is unique in this hopeless romance genre and is a true delight.

Conte enrolls at College of the Holy Cross

WORCESTER - The College of the Holy Cross is excited to welcome Delia Conte of Tewksbury as a member of the College's Class of 2028.

At 835 students, the Class of 2028 includes students from 507 different high schools, 41 U.S. states and territories, 13 different countries, and 33 different languages spoken. This incoming class represents one of the most diverse and academically accomplished classes in the College's history.

Admission to the Class of 2028 was more competitive than ever with a 10% increase in the number of applications submitted, and the lowest-ever proportion of applicants admitted - 17.6%.

The new Crusaders have distinguished themselves through community service, leadership roles, and diverse participation in areas like the arts, music and athletics. They arrived

on campus and moved into the residence halls on Wednesday, August 21st, where they were welcomed to Mount St. James by an enthusiastic purple crew of current students, staff, faculty and alumni. Fall classes began on Tuesday, Aug.

"Welcome, Class of 2028!" College President Vincent D. Rougeau told the class during Mass of the Holy Spirit. "You chose Holy Cross, where classes are small and the community is vibrant and ready for your contributions. Here, you will be encouraged to speak up and engage. When, how, and with whom are up to you. You will have your certainties challenged and perspectives broadened. And trust me, you will thrive."

About Holy Cross: The College of the Holy Cross, in Worcester, Mass., is among the nation's leading liberal arts institutions.

Healey-Driscoll Administration celebrates over \$40M in federal education funding to support literacy

BOSTON — The Healey-Driscoll Administration is celebrating that Massachusetts has been awarded more than \$40 million from the Biden-Harris administration to support the state's literacy efforts and continued work to improve standardized assessments over the next five years.

The Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) has been awarded the Comprehensive Literacy State Development grant, the largest literacy grant offered by the federal government, receiving \$38.4 million over the next five years. Massachusetts previously received this award and used it to create GLEAM, Growing Literacy Equity Across Massachusetts.

This new funding will build on Literacy Launch and previous GLEAM grants to expand evidence-based and culturally and linguistically sustaining practices for English language arts and literacy in grades pre-K through 12 through additional grants to districts and schools.

"Every student in Massachusetts needs to be able to read and read well. That's why we created Literacy Launch to provide districts with the tools to make sure their students are receiving high-quality, evidencebased reading material. I'm grateful to the Biden-Harris Administration for this funding that will help us reach even more districts and students with these important resources," said Governor Maura Healey. "Statewide assessments are an important measure of student achievement and help us ensure students across Massachusetts are receiving the high-quality education they deserve. This federal funding will enable high-quality instruction and on-going assessments in the critical science and technology STEM fields."

"Education is a top priority for our administration, including strengthening access to highquality reading material and reducing inequitable gaps in achievement," said Lieutenant Governor Kim Driscoll. "One critical area of focus is around literacy and helping our students to read well. Thanks to the Biden-Harris Administration and U.S. Department of Education, we can accelerate our efforts to provide Massachusetts' local school districts and communities with the evidencebased literacy tools they need to set students up for success in school and

The Department of Elementary and Secondary Education has been working in close partnership with over 50 teachers and with feedback from thousands of students to create the innovative science and technology/engineering state assessment for grades 5 and 8 that includes investigations using computer simulations, as well as hands-on classroom-based assessments utilizing manipulatives and group work.

The administration is being awarded \$3.9 million this coming year through the Comprehensive Grants for State Assessments. The funding will provide professional development to science educators and support development of new curriculum-embedded science performance tasks for students in kindergarten through grade 8. These tasks will allow educators to assess students' knowledge in realtime as part of on-going learning. The grant will also support districts in adopting high-quality science instructional mate-

"In Massachusetts, we are prioritizing literacy because of the simple, yet profound reality that establishing literacy skills early is not only foundational to the remainder of a students' education, it becomes a foundational marker for the remainder of their life. With Literacy Launch and this additional funding for literacy grants, we are providing districts with tools and resources to see to it that all students learn to read and read well," said Education Secretary Dr. Patrick Tutwiler. "The federal funding will also support our continued efforts to improve standardized assessments and student experiences with them. The new science and technology/engineering state assessment is more dynamic, hands-on, and reflective of realworld experiences, engaging students in STEM."

"These significant federal investments will help more Massachusetts students become successful readers and improve science instruction and assessment," said Acting Commissioner of Elementary and Secondary Education Russell Johnston. "The grants are a huge boost for two of our goals: having individualized supports that enable all students to excel at grade level or beyond, and creating learning experiences that are relevant, real-world, and interactive."

The state's fiscal year 2025 budget includes \$20 million for Governor Healey's Literacy Launch Initiative: Reading Success from Age 3 through Grade 3, a bold strategy to expand access to evidence-based reading instruction for Massachusetts students.

The initiative will provide competitive grants to school districts to adopt high-quality literacy materials and provide technical support, coaching, and professional development to educators. Literacy Launch builds on the multi-year technical support and funding for improvements in literacy teaching and materials DESE has offered since 2020, including GLEAM.

The federal government requires that states administer to all students annual statewide assessments for specific grades and subject areas, including science. The Department of Elementary and Secondary Education piloted the innovative science and technology/engineering state assessment for grades 5 and 8 during 2020-2023 with groups of students. A larger pilot took place in spring 2024 with approximately 12,000 students per grade.

Here is a sampling of the feedback DESE has received on the science assessment:

"This is teaching us to expand the knowledge and experience of our students in a way to put real-life problems in front of them." - Science teacher from 2022 science pilot assessment "I liked that we were

able to use our own data from our own experiments and not take them out of an article or a data table like usual." Grade 8 student from 2021 science pilot assess-

Healey-Driscoll Administration files \$714M supplemental budget to close FY24

Maura Healey filed a supplemental budget to balance the state's Fiscal Year 2024 (FY24) budget and close critical funding gaps for public health, substance use treatment and education, while also building key reserves.

The bill allocates \$714 million in gross spending, at a net cost to the state of \$149 million after offsets, to pay for time-sensitive FY24 budget deficiencies. It also invests \$590 million in the state's future stability by making deposits in reserve accounts and streamlines policy implementation through technical improvements to existing statutes.

"The supplemental budget will further our efforts to make life more affordable for people in Massachusetts — from child care to school meals to rent — while also advancing our clean energy economy, supporting public health hospitals, and improving our communities' ability to respond to disas-

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ters," said Governor Maura Healey. "We're grateful for the Legislature's partnership to lower costs, grow our economic competitiveness, and ensure a balanced and responsible budget."

"With this budget bill, our administration continues to ensure that every dollar we invest yields benefits for the people of Massachusetts," said Lieutenant Governor Kim Driscoll. "As we continue transitioning to the Fiscal Year 2025 budget we crafted with our partners in the Legislature, this bill ensures that we're starting with a responsible and sustainable balance sheet."

In FY24, the voter-approved Fair Share surtax generated \$1.2 billion in excess revenues beyond what was budget by the administration and Legislature, while all other revenue came in \$233 million below revised projections. With this bill, the administration proposes to strategically allocate \$225 million of that surtax excess

to support education and transportation initiatives such as Commonwealth Cares for Children (C3) grants, universal school meals and MassDOT operations. This will help close the non-surtax revenue gap and is in line with how the administration and Legislature have chosen to use surtax revenues in Fiscal Year 2025.

This bill also proposes a limited amount of new spending critical to protecting public health and advancing the state's climate and clean energy goals. This includes an additional \$10 million for the Massachusetts Clean Energy Center, \$400,000 for mosquito spraying and \$11 million to seed the new Disaster Relief and Resil-

iency Fund. The deposit in the disaster relief fund would ensure immediate access to funding in Fiscal Year 2025, if necessary, and supplement the \$14 million earmarked through consolidated net surplus at the end of the year. The bill also includes critical and time sensitive provisions related to clean energy siting, permitting and procurement.

"By closing Fiscal Year 2024 in balance, with spending carefully managed and aligned with inflation, and with additional resources at our disposal, Massachusetts is wellinsulated against the fiscal risks we're facing," said Administration and Finance Secretary Matthew J. Gorzkowicz. "We are grateful to Legislative leadership for their ongoing collaboration, and we ask that they pass this supplemental budget bill to keep Massachusetts in good financial health."

Additionally, this budget bill would pay for all newly ratified collective bargaining agreements, provide \$2.5 million for iLottery start-up costs and put \$10 million toward the Massachusetts Life

Sciences Center. The largest cost covered by the supplement budget would pay for services provided over the past fiscal year by MassHealth. The bill directs \$565.4 million gross to MassHealth at a net zero cost to the state as a result of available federal reimbursement.

The administration is also proposing to replenish the Transitional Escrow Account, which has proven to be a critical tool to relieving pressures on the budget over the course of a fiscal year. This bill would direct \$265 million in excess capital gains to the Transitional Escrow Fund, while still allowing for a \$265 million deposit in the Stabilization Fund that will push the balance to approximately \$8.8 bil-

This bill also allocates: • \$46 million for a reserve to cover costs accrued by sheriffs

• \$14 million to support treatment for substance and alcohol use disorder • \$8.7 million for Universal School Meals

•\$7.3 million for Residential Assistance to Fa-

milies in Transition (RAFT)

• \$5.1 million for support to public health hospitals • \$1.3 million for De-

partment of Unemployment Assistance caseload • \$690,000 for the Chief **Medical Examiner**

• \$622,000 for the Mas-Emergency sachusetts Management Agency for state match to flood vic-

• \$200,000 for National Guard death gratuity benefits and support for military suicide prevention programming

This bill also includes a number of outside sections that provide for some technical corrections and deadline extensions necessary for the effective implementation of policy enacted in recent legislation. These include sections amending the HERO Act to allow veterans to receive specialty license plates without paying an additional fee as intended and granting eligibility to tribes in Massachusetts for the Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness program.

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Haralampos 'Bob' Sidiropoulos

Built and operated dozens of gas stations

Haralampos "Bob" Sidiropoulos, age 67, of Lynnfield, passed away on Sept. 5, 2024 while in Veria, Greece.

He was the husband of Pipina Sidiropoulos, with whom he shared 35 years of marriage.

Born in Veria, Greece, he was the son of Evlambia Sidiropoulos of Lynnfield, and the late Konstantinos Sidiropoulos.

He came to the United States in 1972 at the age of 15 and has lived in Lynnfield since 1978.

Haralampos was a hardworking man who started working at a very young

age. When he came to the United States, he began working as a mechanic. At the age of 17, he opened his first gas sta-

In the years to come, he began building and operating dozens more gas stations, venturing into his career in Real Estate development.

He spent his free time at home with his family. He loved fixing anything that was broken. He kept his home open to everyone who needed his help. He enjoyed helping friends, family, and anyone he

He will be forever remembered by all the people whose lives he has changed. He had a special love for his daughters and was part of everything they did. He made sure to always share his wisdom and strength to prepare his daughters for anything that comes their

He was the leader of his family, and his life goal was to provide and spend time with his loved ones. He loved everything being done right the first time. He had a passion for spending quality time with his family, going on



long drives, and visiting his gas stations. He has left his mark for generations to come.

In addition to his wife and mother, he is survived by his daughters Evelyn, Kristina, and Anna Sidi-

ropoulos, all of Lynnfield; his brother, Vasilios Sideropoulos of Lynnfield, his sister; Ekaterini Goutzamanidis and her husband Vasilios of Lynnfield; as well as his nieces and nephews Vasilios G. Gout-

▼ Shawsheen Tech Superintendent Tony McIntosh congratulates student Cole Kelley after the National SkillsUSA awards ceremony, where Kelley earned his

third consecutive national gold medal in the HVAC-R competition.

zamanidis, Georgia Mandoulidis and her husband Peter, Evelynn Sidiropoulos, Kosta Sidiropoulos, Alex Sidiropoulos, and Andrea Apostolou; and his grand-nieces and nephew Panayiota, Vasiliki, Artemis and Dimitrios Mandoulidis.

His funeral was held on Monday from the SOLIM-INE FUNERAL HOME, 426 Broadway (Rt. 129), Lynn, followed by a funeral service in St Vasilios Greek Orthodox Church, Peabody.

Burial was in Forest Hill

Cemetery, Lynnfield.
Those who prefer may make donations to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. Directions and guestbook at www.solimine.com

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there in paying tribute

Shawsheen Valley **Technical High School** celebrates historic success at SkillsUSA

BILLERICA — Students from Shawsheen Valley Technical High School returned from the Skills **USA National Conference** in Atlanta, Georgia, with exceptional accomplishments, marking a historic milestone for both the school and the state of Massachusetts.

Despite a challenging start to their journey, senior Cole Kelley made history by securing his third consecutive gold medal in the HVACR competition, becoming the first student in Shawsheen history and the first in the Massachusetts SkillsUSA chapter — to achieve this remarkable distinction.

"We took 16 students to the SkillsUSA National Conference and returned with five national medals - two gold and three silver," said co-advisor Heidi Lloyd. "It's an incredible accomplishment, cially considering the obstacles the students faced."

The team's trip began with an unexpected challenge when they missed their flight out of Boston, forcing last-minute travel changes. Some students had just five hours between landing and competing.

students showed "Our resilience," incredible Lloyd said. "They practiced in the airport and made the best of a tough situation."

Despite these setbacks, Shawsheen's students excelled in nine competitions over four event-filled days. Their hard work and dedication were rewarded with top honors in several categories.

Shawsheen's national medalists include:

- Gold · Cole Kelley -Medal in HVACR (Heating, Ventilation, Air Conditioning, and Refrigera-

• Jasmine Johanson — Gold Medal in Nurse Assisting

• Alyssa Costantiello — Silver Medal in Basic Health Care

Jonathan Hureau -Silver Medal in CNC Milling Specialist

• Isaac Schmidt — Silver Medal in CNC Turning Specialist

Cole Kelley's third national gold medal in HVACR is a landmark achievement, making him

the first-ever Shawsheen Massachusetts history to win three national golds in HVACR and the third individual to achieve a "three-peat" in the state's

His dedication and consistent performance have brought immense pride to Shawsheen Valley Technical High School and the Massachusetts SkillsUSA

National Conference and personally witnessing Cole Kelley earning his third straight national gold medal is one of the most impactful moments of my 24 year career in vocational-technical education," said Superintendent

showing.

ists, all of Shawsheen's competitors had strong performances. Autumn Halas placed 4th in Masonry, and Isabella Luis ranked 9th out of 20 in Graphic Communications.

Bowl Team, composed of Addison Dunham, Nicole Hatch, Kylie Plowman, and Kylie McLaughlin, finished 9th out of 28 teams.

and Celia Vindice, placed for a college-life app, next year.

During their time in Atlanta, the Shawsheen SkillsUSA chapter also participated cultural ex-

student to win three consecutive national gold medals in any competition. He is also the first in

Tony McIntosh.

The Health Knowledge

The Entrepreneurship Team, made up of juniors Gianna Caruso, Ava Ferreira, Nicolas Palmerino, 17th out of 30 with their innovative business model showing great promise for

SkillsUSA history.

"Attending this year's

This year also marked the debut of Shawsheen's Advanced Manufacturing program at the national level, sending two students for the first time. Impressively, both students who competed earned silver medals in their competition category, an impressive achievement for the program's first

In addition to the medal-

"I am continually impressed by the skill, expertise, and success our students display, particularly at SkillsUSA competitions," said Vocational Director David Norkie-

cursions, including visits





▲ Shawsheen Tech's SkillsUSA national competitors (back row, from left): Isaac Schmidt, Jonathan Hureau, Cole Kelley, Alyssa Costantiello, Nick Palmerino, Isabella Luis, Methun Thayaaparan, Gianna Caruso, and Celia Vindice; (front row, from left): Ava Ferreira, Autumn Halas, Jasmine Johansen, Kylie Plowman, Addison Dunham, Kylie McLaughlin, and Nicole Hatch (Courtesy photo)

to the Football Hall of Fame, the Champions Festival, and local music and

cultural events. A heartfelt congratulations goes out to all 16 Shawsheen students who competed, each of whom ranked number one in Massachusetts qualifying them for the national competition. Their hard work and perseverance have not only earned them national recognition but have also set a new standard of excellence for Shawsheen Valley Technical High School.

About SkillsUSA:

SkillsUSA is a national nonprofit organization dedicated to preparing students for careers in trade, technical, and skilled service occupations. It empowers students by fostering the development of personal, workplace, and technical skills through competitions at both the state and national levels.

About Shawsheen Valley Regional Vocational

School District

Established in 1965, Shawsheen Valley Regional Vocational Technical School District (SVRVTSD) is a studentcentered public institution serving the five member towns of Billerica, Bedford, Burlington, Tewksbury, and Wilmington. Shawsheen Valley Technical High School serves more than 1,300 students in grades 9-12 and is "Dedicated to Excellence in Education," integrating academics with more than 20-vocational-technical career pathways.

Shawsheen is located in

Billerica on a sprawling 100-acre campus. The school building features state-of-the-art facilities and athletic fields, twenty-four varsity sports, and dozens of extra-curricular clubs and activities.

All of Shawsheen's faculty and staff are committed to the mission "to provide a positive learning experience in a safe educational environment that encourages all students to reach their full potential, emphasizes the value of a strong work ethic, and prepares them for adult life in a competitive world." Shawsheen Valley Re-

gional Vocational Technical School District also provides high-quality educational programming for youths and adults through Adult Education, Afterschool Exploratory Programs, Community Events, and Summer Camps and Enrichment Programs. Shawsheen is consistently working to increase its rich and varied programming opportunities for the community, which supports its mission that education is a lifelong, continuous process with many paths to living a successful and fulfilling life.

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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE AND **FAMILY COURT**

Middlesex Division 10-U Commerce Way Woburn, MA 01801 (781) 865-4000

INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE

Docket No. MI22P4163EA

Estate of: **Patricia A Murphy**

Date of Death: January 12, 2022

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner Lisa Flynn of Tewksbury MA

Lisa Flynn of Tewksbury MA has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve without surety on the bond.

The estate is being administered under informal procedure by the Personal Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the Court. Inventory and accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but interested parties are entitled to notice regarding the administration from the Personal Representative and can petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including distribution of assets and expenses of administration. Interested parties are entitled to petition the Court to institute formal proceedings and to obtain orders terminating or restricting the powers of Personal Representatives appointed under informal procedure. A copy of the Petition and Will, if any, can be obtained from the Petitioner.

09/19/24





COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT **PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT**

Middlesex Probate and Family Court 10-U Commerce Way Woburn, MA 01801 (781) 865-4000

CITATION ON PETITION FOR **FORMAL ADJUDICATION**

Docket No. MI24P4459EA

Estate of: Patricia Chinchillo Also Known As: **Patsy Chinchillo**

Date of Death: 07/01/2024

To all interested persons:

A Petition for S/A - Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by Robert P. Fardin of Lowell MA requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

The Petitioner requests that: Robert P. Fardin of Lowell MA be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve Without Surety on the bond in unsupervised administration

IMPORTANT NOTICE

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 10/10/2024.

This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.

UNSUPERVISED **ADMINISTRATION UNDER** THE MASSACHUSETTS **UNIFORM PROBATE** CODE (MUPC)

A Personal Representative appointed under the MUPC in an unsupervised administration is not required to file an inventory or annual accounts with the Court. Persons interested in the estate are entitled to notice regarding the administration directly from the Personal Representative and may petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including the distribution of assets and expenses of administration.

WITNESS, Hon. Terri L. Lug Cafazzo, First Justice of this Court.

Date: Septemer 12, 2024

Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate 240967

LEGAL NOTICE



COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT **PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT**

Middlesex Probate and Family Court 10-U Commerce Way Woburn, MA 01801 (781) 865-4000

CITATION ON PETITION TO CHANGE NAME

Docket No. MI24C0898CA

In the matter of: Laura Jean Wilkinson

A Petition to Change Name of Adult has been filed by Laura Jean Wilkinson of Tewksbury MA requesting that the court enter a Decree changing their

Laura Jean Hupper

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Any person may appear for purposes of objecting to the petition by filing an appearance at: Middlesex Probate and Family Court before 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 10/04/2024.

This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance if you object to this proceeding. WITNESS, Hon. Terri L. Klug Cafazzo, First Justice of this

Date: September 06, 2024 Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate 240965

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Middlesex Probate and Family Court 10-U Commerce Way Woburn, MA 01801 (781) 865-4000

CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION

Docket No. MI24P4655EA

Estate of: James Joseph Durkee Also known as: Date of Death: 09/26/2021

To all interested persons:

A Petition for S/A - Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by: Mary Ethier of Wilmington MA and Ruth Kennedy of North Reading MA and Judith Melisi of Halifax MA requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

The Petitioner requests that: Mary Ethier of Wilmington MA and Ruth Kennedy of North Reading MA and Judith Melisi of Halifax MA be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve Without Surety on the bond in unsupervised administration

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You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 10/15/2024.

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WITNESS, Hon. Terri L. Klug Cafazzo, First Justice of this

Date: September 16, 2024 Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate 240980 9/19/24 LEGAL NOTICE



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Middlesex Division 10-U Commerce Way Woburn, MA 01801 (781) 865-4000

INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE

Docket No. MI24P0988EA

Estate of: Hanani Joel Medina-Moreno Also Known As:

Hanani Medina Date of Death: January 9, 2024

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner Tomasa Mejia of Lawrence MA

Tomasa Mejia of Lawrence MA has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve Without surety on the bond.

The estate is being administered under informal procedure by the Personal Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the Court. Inventory and accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but interested parties are entitled to notice regarding the administration from the Personal Representative and can petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including distribution of assets and expenses of administration. Interested parties are entitled to petition the Court to institute formal proceedings and to obtain orders terminating or restricting the powers of Personal Representatives appointed under informal procedure. A copy of the Petition and Will, if any, can be obtained from the Petitioner.

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Middlesex Probate and Family Court 10-U Commerce Way Woburn, MA 01801 (781) 865-4000

CITATION ON PETITION FOR **FORMAL ADJUDICATION**

Docket No. MI24P4638EA

Estate of: **Albert Richard Brown** Also known as: Albert R Brown Date of Death: 08/14/2024

To all interested persons:

A Petition for S/A - Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by: Lynn A Brown of Newton NH requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition. The Petitioner requests that: Lynn A Brown be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve Without Surety on the bond in unsuper-

vised administration IMPORTANT NOTICE

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 10/15/2024.

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WITNESS, Hon. Terri L. Klug Cafazzo, First Justice of this

Date: September 16, 2024 Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate 9/19/24

LEGAL NOTICE



TOWN OF TEWKSBURY **PLANNING BOARD**

PUBLIC HEARING

FAMILY SUITE SPECIAL PERMIT

Notice is hereby given that the Tewksbury Planning Board will hold a public hearing on October 7, 2024 at 7:05 PM in the Tewksbury Town Hall, 1009 Main Street, Tewksbury, MA 01876 on an application filed by Freddy and Krista Roman for a Family Suite Special Permit pursuant to Section 7.1 of the Tewksbury Zoning Bylaw to construct an addition to the single family dwelling for a family suite as shown on plans filed with this

Said property is located at 60 Oxford Road, Assessor's Map 55, Lot 12, zoned Residential.

The application may be examined on the Planning Board webpage of the Town of Tewksbury's website at www.tewksbury-ma.gov. Should other accommodations be necessary to view the application, please call the Community Development Office at 978-640-4370. Legal Notice can also be viewed on www.masspublicnotices.org Stephen Johnson, Chairman

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Said property is located at 81 Nauvillus Road, Assessor's Map 21, Lot 59, zoned Residential.

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Stephen Johnson, Chairman

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TOWN OF WILMINGTON **PLANNING BOARD**

The Planning Board will hold a Public Hearing on October 1, 2024 at 7:45 p.m. in the Town Hall Auditorium, 121 Glen Road, Wilmington, MA for a Site Plan Review #24-16 and Stormwater Management Permit #24-15, plan entitled, "Proposed Fueling Pad, 36 Jonspin Road, Wilmington, Massachusetts"; dated August 29, 2024, prepared by Andrew M. Pojasek, P.E., and Gregory R. Corcoran, P.L.S., Dana F. Perkins, inc., 1057 East Street, Tewksbury, Massachusetts 01876. The application is for the installation of a fueling pad and loading rack as well as associated underground storage tanks. Said property is located at 36 Jonspin Road and shown on Assessor's Map R1 Parcel 306D.

A copy of the plan is on file at the Planning & Conservation Department and may be inspected during the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday through Fri-

Any person interested, or wishing to be heard on the proposed plan, should appear at the time and place designated.

Terence Boland, Chair Wilmington Planning Board 9/12, 19/24



Let Freedom Read! Join TPL for read-ins on Sept. 24

TEWKSBURY — At the Tewksbury Public Library, we believe all members of our community have the right to read what they want. We strive to provide free and open access to stories for all ages and interests. To celebrate the freedom to read all year long, TPL is hosting a read-in for all ages during Banned Books Week. Join members of your

community and cele-brate your freedom to read on Tuesday, Sept. 24 on the town common from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. or on the first floor of TPL from 6 to 8 p.m. No registration is required for these events. Bring a book or audio-

book, a blanket or chair, and settle in on the town common to catch up on your reading and join community members and library staff for a fun morning. Can't make it during the day?

Stop by from 6 to 8 p.m. on the first floor of the library, pull up a comfy chair, and enjoy an evening of reading. Light refreshments, giveaways, and raffles available at both events while supplies last.

For more information on this year's Read-Ins, please visit the TPL event calendar at tewks burypl.org/home/pages /calendar.

Looking to learn more about book challenges in the United States? Check out the resources available on the library's website at tewksburypl.org.

Weekend hours are back! Library hours are Monday through: Wednesday 10 a.m. - 9 p.m., Thursday and Friday 10 a.m. - 5 p.m., Saturday 9 a.m. - 5 p.m., and Sunday 1 - 5 p.m.. The digital library is available 24/7 at tewksburypl.org.

Tewksbury Community Market to host 30 vendors

TEWKSBURY — The Tewksbury Community Market is open on Thursday, September 19, from 4 to 7 p.m., at Livingston Street Park, behind the Recreation Center (288 Livingston

The Sept. 19 market will feature 30 vendors, including:

FOOD VENDORS

 Bittersweet Herb Farm (jams, oils, balsamic vinegar, season-

ings, finishing sauces) Birds Nest Italian Street Food Truck (sliders, deep fried manicotti, mozzarella sticks, fried ravioli)

 Black Sheep Craft Ice Cream (craft ice cream in pints & half pints)

 Blisspoint Meadery (mead) • BtzNPeace Farm (fresh vegetables, ma-

ple syrup, eggs, plants, flowers) • The Cozy Crumb (de-

corative royal icing sugar cookies) • Craic Sauce (hot sauce)

• Cupcake City (cupcakes) • Empanada Dada

Food Truck (empana-

das) • Farmer Palmer (garlic products) • Fudge n Stuff (home-

made fudge, popcorn, kettle corn, candied nuts) • Kiss The Cook (mac

& cheese) • KRM Chocolates (chocolate truffles, chocolate barks, chocolate dipped cookies)

• Pleasant Valley Gardens (fresh vegetables, local fruit, aprons, hats, tote bags)

 Polish Prince Pierogi (pierogi & other Polish delights) • Sophie's Apples (can-

dy apples) • The Stand "Shaken Not Stirred" (fresh squeezed lemonade)

• Tewksbury Honey (honey & honey related products) • Tewksbury Public Li-

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den (organic vegetables,

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from 4 to 7 p.m. every Thursday in June, July, August and September (minus July 4). Please note the Market has more than 70 vendors (30-35 each at any given market) and its lineup changes from week to Visit the Tewksbury

Community Market's website at http://www. tewksburymarket.com to learn more. Follow the Tewksbury Community Market's Facebook (@TewksburyMarket), Twitter (@Tewksbury Market), and Instagram (@Tewksbury CommunityMarket) for additional market updates throughout the

Have a question about the market? Contact Community/Economic Development Planner Alex Lowder at 978-640-4370 x 248 or alowder @tewksbury-ma.gov and Community Outreach Librarian Robert Hayes at 978-640-4490 x 205 or rhayes@tewksburypl.

No changes made to existing template with police dept.

BRAND FROM PAGE 1

the committee's attention to the memorandum of understanding (MOU) guiding the school district's relationship with the Wilmington Police Department. He mentioned the recommendation from DESE for all school districts and respective police departments to have an MOU.

Brand explained that they made no changes to the suggested template.

"We have a great relationship with our police," he continued.

He also included that the MOU has detail about the selection and oversight of school resource officers. The MOU would be posted on the school website.

David Ragsdale encouraged the audience that the MOU is worth reading.

"It really is a very measured and thorough description of the kind of relationship to be had and officers selected to be school resource officers," he said.

He went on to say that there are boundaries in place to ensure that school disciplinary matters are not automatically treated as law enforcement matters. He suggested that reading the document would show the thoughtfulness involved in the partnership.

Brand also mentioned that he wanted to provide an update on safety and security planning at the next meeting in light of the terrible tragedy that happened in Georgia the week before.

Lastly, Brand invited Human Resources Director Andrea Stern-Armstrong to provide an update on personnel.

Stern-Armstrong mentioned that they received a number of resignments over the summer but also saw a lot of internal transfers, so employees were moving into positions in which they were more suited or felt more comfortable. At this point, most of their open positions were filled except for a special education position, a general education tutor position, and the social-emotional family engagement specialist.

She shared that Brian Caira had filled the interim principal position at the middle school and Michael Knybel filled the interim assistant principal position.

Turner recalled the number of positions that opened up was similar to that of the previous year.

"It seems like you've done an amazing job getting the positions filled," he noted.

Stern-Armstrong replied

that her personal hiring strategy involves nagging people.

Turner also pointed out that the resignations are under 10 percent, which is actually typical in the corporate world. He also mentioned that education is a stressful, difficult area where this amount of turnover seems appropriate.

Stern-Armstrong that she recently calculated their retention rate closer to 93 percent.

Chair Jesse Fennelly asked about how Wilmington compares to other districts. Stern-Armstrong said that they compare very well, although districts don't necessarily track open positions with official metrics.

Residents commented about the security of the schools during public comment. One resident remarked that the school classroom doors don't have locks, and in some cases the door opens out. He pointed out that the district's ALICE protocol is to get out if possible or barricade the doors if not.

Another resident shared that they found the district's safety information lacking and difficult to find, and she wanted to see staff work with students, parents, and residents to create a community plan.



Wilmington residents at the Big E

Nate and Alex Murphy, members of the 4-H Science Pirates STEM club in Wilmington, were invited to teach origami at the Big E on Sept. 13, 2024.

(Courtesy photo)

Teachers typically start negotiations first; others follow

SCHOOL FROM PAGE 1

breadth of issues discussed, and that of other units are more straightforward and rapid.

Dr. Mike Mercaldi asked when the negotiations were anticipated to start. Brand stated that he had not been notified of any unit's intention to begin negotiations yet, but the teachers typically started first and the other units would likely lag behind.

Director of Finance and Administration Paul Ruggiero shared that the teachers typically start right after the first of the year, but it could be earlier depending on when they receive requests.

Ragsdale added that the negotiated contracts would begin as early as July.

Ruggiero maintained that some run through Aug. 31 to include summer programs.

Fennelly noted that these meetings have typically taken place in person in case anyone who would volunteer would need to know that information. Brand assured the committee that they could make a remote option if

someone couldn't be present in person.

Fennelly suggested that the members vote on the proposed members for teachers and educational assistants' contracts negotiations and start thinking about their availability and interest for administrative assistants and nurses' negotiations. The named nominees were approved unanimously.

Brand shared a memo with an update on the town hall/school administration building, that the work had gone as planned over the summer where the student parking lot was taken offline. With the infrastructure work completed on time, the parking lot was slightly smaller but still provided plenty of parking for upperclass-

He also included that the building was anticipated to open in late 2024, and the number of parking spaces for students was

He also shared an update for the Wildwood MSBA project. He first explained that the Wildwood School Building Committee voted to extend the timeframe to choose a preferred school option, and the MSBA was aware and supportive of that decision.

He also highlighted a flier that went out about the options to residents, and an upcoming WSBC meeting on Sept. 17 and community forms on Sept. 18 and 19. The community forum on the 18th would be at the high school and the 19th would be at the senior center.

Mike Mercaldi commented that the flier had great information on it. While he said that he liked the roll up of total cost of renovating the existing schools, he also pointed out that it showed this option as significantly cheaper to the taxpayer when it would most likely be the same as building a new school.

Brand agreed that this was a good point which could be addressed during their upcoming meetings. He also stressed the necessity of garnering support for the preferred option and the need to fundamentally change the current teaching and learning environment by improving the buildings significantly.

Stephen Turner added that the total cost to include the educational needs in the repair of each school would far exceed that of

building one new school. Mercaldi also mentioned that the tax impact to residents would be highest the first year and then go down over consecutive years.

Brand said that Town Manager Eric Slagle was looking into the financial aspect and preparing an update for the Sept. 17 WSBC meeting.

Ragsdale shared the updated timeline in the WSBC voting on Oct. 8, the final budget and scope prepared in April of 2025, the MSBA considering the budget and scope in June, construction aiming for 2028, and occupancy in early 2029.

The School Committee will meet next on Sept. 25 at 7 p.m.

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Craft Fair

Woburn / Stoneham Elks Annual Craft Fair & Bake Sale to be held Saturday October 19th from 10 am to 3 pm. Spaces are still available for vendors For more information contact Patti at PattiQRobi@comcast.net





▲ Members of the Wilmington Police and Fire Departments honored the 23rd anniversary of 9/11. A moment of silence was observed at 8:46 a.m., after which a bagpiper performed "Amazing Grace." Like most Americans, Wilmington's police and fire departments will never (Courtesy photo)

Harty excited for future and ready to execute plans

HARTY FROM PAGE 2

Regarding her return to Wilmington, Harty is excited for the future and is already working to execute plans that will benefit the library and the com-

These plans include a strategic plan that the library staff had begun earlier this year by asking members of the community what they would like to see

offered by the library in the near future.

"My immediate goal is to complete the library's strategic plan," Harty stated. "Based on the community responses, we will strive to add more programs, collections, and outreach outside of the library building."

Harty pledged that this plan will be the library's guide for the next three years in order to better serve the community.

Upcoming local

September 28, Community Health Fair; 30th anniversary free health screenings, giveaways, meet your state representatives, learn about public health, Public Health Museum, 365 East St., 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. Free

September 28, Wilmington High School Class of 1966 58th reunion, Knights of Columbus Hall, 7 - 11 p.m. For more information, call Charlotte Guthrie at 978-658-4749.

September 29, Friends of the Tewksbury Public Library, Bowla-thon at Wamesit Lanes, 6-9 p.m. \$30 per person or \$150 for a team of six includes two hours of lane rental, shoe rental, pizza and unlimited soft drinks. Tickets may be purchased online at the Friends website, https: //www.friendstplibrary.org/bowla thonwamesit

October 1, Candlelight Overdoes Vigil, 6 p.m. name signing of loved ones lost, 6:30 p.m. start of vigil. Tewksbury Hospital, 365 East St., Tewksbury.

Thursdays, Saturdays, and the first Sunday of the month, Public Health Museum, 365 East St., Open for indoor and campus tours. Check website for times. Publichealthmuseum.org

Book Store Next Door, Wednesdays and Saturdays, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. The Book Store is staffed by volunteers from the Friends of the Wilmington Public Library. All proceeds help support library programs. Next to Wilmington Public Library.

Sundays, Lowell Streetcar Museum, 11 a.m. - 4 p.m., Adults \$3, seniors and youth age 3-12 \$2, children under 3 are free. Cash only. 25 Shattuck St., Lowell.

Wilmington Town Museum, Mondays and Tuesdays, 10 a.m. -2 p.m., Harnden Tavern, 430 Salem St. (Route 62), Wilmington

Middlesex Canal Museum, Saturdays and Sundays, noon - 4 p.m., 71 Faulkner St, North Billerica



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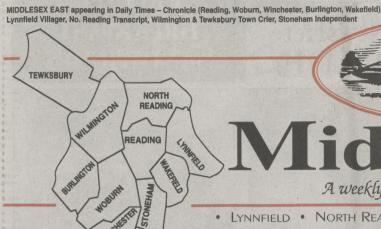
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Burlington resident McGrail can KO cancer

By RYAN LAROCHE

On Thursday, Oct. 10 at the MGM Music Hall in Fenway, Burlington resident Ivana McGrail hopes to knock out cancer when she competes in the annual Haymakers for Hope Belles of the Brawl charity boxing event.

McGrail, 54, and 29 other brave fighters residing in the New England area (including Woburn resident Courtney Grey, a 30-year old elementary school teacher) will step into the ring to combat cancer and raise money for their main beneficiary, The Dana Farber Cancer Institute.

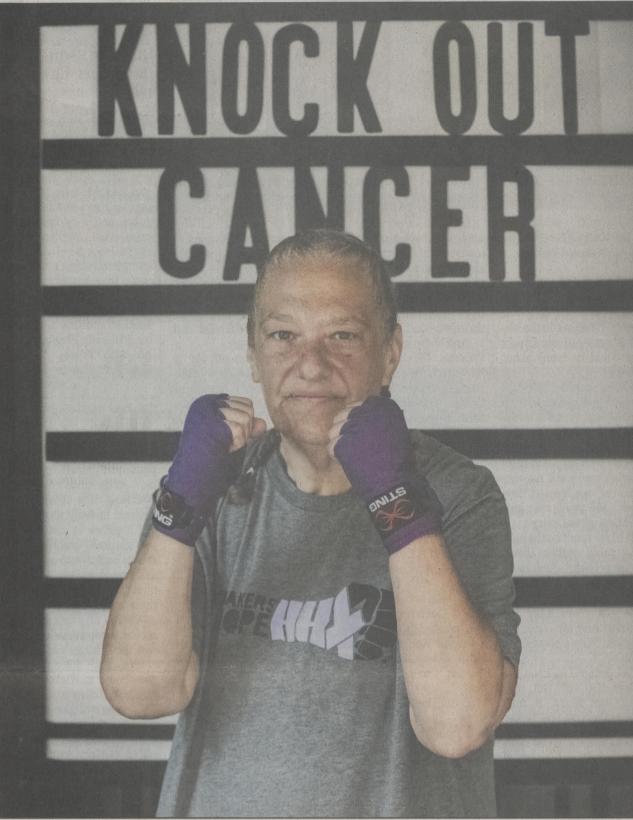
Since having their first event in 2011, Haymakers for Hope has raised over \$32 million for cancer research, awareness, survivorship, and care. Haymakers for Hope is now accepting registrations from everyday professionals in the Greater Boston area who have no prior boxing experience and are eager to learn the art of boxing.

Participants will have the chance to train at local partner gyms over the course of four months, culminating in a live fight night at the state-of-the-art MGM Music Hall, performing in front of a sold-out crowd and fighting for a cure.

McGrail said she's been applying for years to participate. She lost her mother to glioblastoma back in January of 2016. Unfortunately, due to a number of factors, the event could never find her a suitable opponent.

Fighters get matched based on age, size and skill level. At 54, McGrail will be the oldest boxer on the card. She said her opponent is only a few years younger than she is. In fact, she first met her opponent at a media day back in August where they had the chance to do a little sparring.

• McGRAIL TO B-2

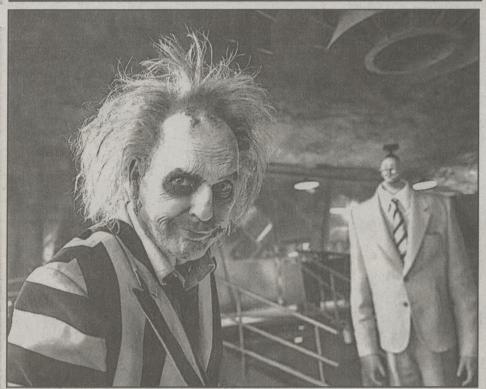


FIGHTING CHANCE - Burlington resident Ivana McGrail hopes to knock out cancer when she participates in Haymakers for Hope's Belles of the Brawl on Oct. 10 at the MGM Music Hall in Fenway.





Movie Reviews & Box Office News 'Beetlejuice' sequel is a soul train ride to comedy joy



BEETLEJUICE TIMES 2 - Michael Keaton (left) chats with a freaky friend from the film "Beetlejuice Beetlejuice" released by Warner Bros. Pictures. (Warner Bros. Pictures via Associated Press)

By JOCELYN NOVECK **AP National Writer**

"I have global entry!"

Now, does that sound like a funny line? Of course it doesn't. Whatever in the history of mankind and airport lines could be funny about global entry?

But put it in the mouth of comedy goddess Catherine O'Hara, and place it in the singularly inventive world of Tim Burton and that wacky afterlife waiting room from "Beetlejuice," and it may become the one blessed time in your life you'll ever guffaw about global entry.

It likely won't be the only thing you'll guffaw about. Burton is back — and, more significantly, he is BACK with "Beetlejuice Beetle-juice," 36 years after the original. And for once, the question "Why a sequel?" is moot.

Not because we know the answer. (Do we?) But, who cares? It's funny. It may even make you feel better about, well, death, though not "death death." And Michael Keaton somehow looks exactly the same as he did in 1988 (to be fair, it helps that his character was already dead.)

Returning to his tale of Keaton's ghostly, fiendish "bio-exorcist," director Bur-something in the audience

ton brings back much of the team behind the original, including, alongside O'Hara and Keaton, the still-lovely Winona Ryder as Lydia the Goth Girl (also, Bob the shrunken-head guy).

And we've gained Justin Theroux, Monica Bellucci, Willem Dafoe, and for the younger generation, Jenna Ortega, who, as a relatively normal figure, serves as an appealing anchor, her story moving the plot along.

Speaking of plot: if you didn't see the original, not to worry. It all gets explained (as much as it should be) in time. We begin in Winter River, Connecticut, still home to Lydia Deetz (Ryder), who came as a teenager with batty stepmom Delia and dad Charles, only to learn her new house was haunted by the recently deceased Adam and Barbara (Alec Baldwin and Geena Davis, alas not

Lydia looks much the same — dressed all in black, with spiky bangs and pale skin — but is now a widowed mother, a psychic mediator, and host of a cheesy reality show, "Ghost House," in which she sees ghosts and asks, "Can the living and the dead co-exist?"

But one day she sees

that scares her: visions of Beetlejuice, who wrought havoc when she was a teen and who, when we last left him, was wasting away in the afterlife waiting room (apparently, HE did not

have global entry.) Waiting just off set to comfort Lydia after this terrifying vision is her manager and boyfriend, Rory (Theroux), who has a little ponytail almost as smarmy as himself.

Lydia then gets a concerning message from Delia (O'Hara), an artist of questionable talent and unquestionable ego, who's mounting a gallery show in which she herself is the canvas. There, Delia tells Lydia that she's lost Charles. "Is he divorcing you?" gasps Lydia. "What a horrible thought!" replies Delia. "No, he's dead." (Such lines are catnip for O'Hara, a genius of comic timing).

Lydia calls her daughter, Astrid (Ortega), at boarding school. Astrid lists Lydia in her contacts as "Alleged Mom," which tells you much of what you need to know about their fraught relation-

But let's pause this account of the living, because we also have to catch you up on the dead. Down where Beetlejuice is stuck, where



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2. To assemble sandwiches, spread insides of English muffins with butter. Fill each English muffin with 1 egg, 1 slice Cheddar cheese and 2

slices Canadian bacon. Wrap each tightly with plastic wrap. Store in freezer up to 2 months, or in the fridge up to 1 week.

3. To reheat, remove from plastic wrap, and cover with paper towel. Microwave at Medium (50%) 2 minutes, turning halfway through.

EXPERT TIPS

 Feel free to use cooked bacon or sausage patties in place of the Canadian bacon, if desired.

INGREDIENTS:

• 6 eggs

Salt and pepper to taste · 6 English muffins,

split

Butter, softened

6 slices Cheddar

cheese • 12 slices Canadian

bacon

· Piercing the egg yolk with a fork before baking makes the egg cook flat, making it perfect for sandwich assembly.

the dead live — but not the "dead dead" — Delores, Beetlejuice's ex-wife, has escaped from the crates (emphasis on plural) in which her body has resided. Watching the glamorous Bellucci literally staple herself together is just one of the glorious creative moments Burton and crew give us here. Alas, Delores doesn't have much else to do, but this is rather spectacular.

We're approaching spoiler territory, so let's just say that things really get complicated when Astrid goes home to Winter River for her father's funeral. There, she watches as Mom accepts a marriage proposal from smarmy Rory. Racing off to escape, Astrid runs into a cute young guy reading Dostoyevsky.

A relationship begins, one that will lead to unexpected mayhem. Let's just say Lydia will need to call upon — gasp! — Beetlejuice, who will exact a fearsome price for his services, as he is wont to do.

And he appears none too soon. Keaton, in his white caked makeup and blackened eyes and hair that looks like he is perpetually sticking his hand into a plug in the wall, slips remarkably smoothly into his old role. "The juice is loose," as he likes to say.

But you know who's also got the juice flowing? Burton. It's his inimitable energy that infuses this movie - a joyously rendered sequel that sometimes makes sense, and sometimes doesn't, but just keeps rollicking. Among the ridiculous delights along the way: A "soul train" in the afterlife, which is not only literally a train of souls, but a replica of the variety show "Soul Train," with people in Afros dancing their way to wherever they are going.

And if we don't have the lip-synced "Day-O (The Banana Boat Song)" from the

original, we do have a lipsynced "MacArthur Park," the Donna Summer version. "Someone left the cake out in the rain," go the ridiculous words of the disco classic. "I don't think that I can take it, 'cause it took so long to bake it, and I'll never have that recipe again."

In the Burtonian spirit, let's just say it took a long time to bake it, yes, but the director has recovered the recipe — at least enough to make us smile, chortle, even guffaw, for 104 minutes. And we can be happy with that.

"Beetlejuice Beetlejuice," a Warner Bros. Pictures release, has been rated PG-13 by the Motion Picture Association "for violent content, macabre and bloody images, strong language, some suggestive material and brief drug use." Running time: 104 minutes. Three stars out of four.

For more movie reviews visit www.homenewshere.

• McGRAIL FROM B-1

"I've never boxed before aside from taking some kick boxing classes," McGrail admitted.

However, McGrail is no wallflower, having competed in triathlons with an organization called Iron Girl. As fate would have it, she said she's been pretty active the past 10 years as part of a weight loss journey. That, coupled with her boxing training, put McGrail on a path to being, as she put it, "in the best shape I've been in decades."

It's not every day a 54-year old enters the boxing ring for the first time, though it's also not every day one can do it for a worthwhile cause. Even with the training and being on the weight loss journey, McGrail joked her husband isn't "super excited" she's participating. But he is supportive, as is her sister.

The Burlington resident is currently training at a Muy Thai gym in Everett six days a week called Hard Knocks Gym. There, she goes through various drills, sparring and partner training. She also works with a physical trainer and does home workouts (riding a bike, crunches and lifting In a bit of good fortune, McGrail found a

free heavy bag that she can keep in her basement. This means she can continue her fitness journey even after the event concludes. Unfortunately, McGrail can't compete in the Haymakers for Hope event again, because she said it's one and done.

This also means she'll likely end her gym workouts. She said she'll miss the people there.

Even though McGrail can't box again for Haymakers for Hope, she said she'd volunteer for the organization if given the chance. Although McGrail already reached her fundraising goal of \$10,000, she hopes to

raise another \$5,000 for the cause. For those interested in donating, you can visit her page at https:// haymakersforhope.org/events/boxing/ belles-of-the-brawl-2024/fighters/ ivana-mcgrail.

"I was surprised to reach my goal that quickly," she noted.

Part of her fundraising included selling t-shirts and raffling off items. She's had a lot of help from friends, family and co-workers, all of whom know she's competing and many of whom will be in attendance cheering her on.

McGrail said one of her co-workers sees her in a completely different light and called her a "bad-ass." Many, though, were just surprised, as most people in her office thought of her as the "nice HR person."

One of the reasons McGrail tried to hard to compete in the charity boxing event concerns her relationship to cancer. She said she has a lot of cancer in her family. In fact, on her donation page she noted how she lost not just her mother to cancer but also her

grandmother, aunt, uncle, and father. She added, "I am an HR professional and do work with benefits and leave and am so often contacted and touched by stories of my co-workers dealing with their own cancer or caring for family members who are

ill. It's time to stop cancer." Because of all the losses she suffered due to cancer, McGrail became somewhat of a pro at raising money. She said she's been doing this for many years, going all the way back to when she was 16 years old.

For this specific event though, McGrail admitted she feels nervous now and would be nervous on fight night.

"This is outside my comfort zone," she acknowledged.

She called her coaches wonderful and encouraging, saying they made her feel prepared as she tackles this new adventure.

The fights will be three, two-minute rounds. Even though it seems like a short amount of time, McGrail admitted it "will feel like a long time when you're in there." She called it a physically demanding two

For those interested in signing up to compete at a future event, visit the Haymakers for Hope website at haymakersforhope.org. You can apply there or register to be on their email list where the organization will send out emails when they're looking for new boxers.

McGrail said the organization looks for average people and not experienced fighters

Singer songwriter David Roth will open Linden Tree's 40th season on Sat., Sept. 21

Come celebrate Linden Tree Concerts 40th season opener on Saturday, September 21st when David Roth an international touring award-winning singersongwriter, returns to Wakefield.

Linden Tree has a new home at the Wakefield Lynnfield United Methodist Church on Vernon St., easy to find off 95

and Lowell St. The church is handicapped accessible and has a convenient parking lot by the back entrance.



DAVID ROTH

The show begins at 7:30 pm, doors open at 7 pm.

David Roth strikes many chords, hearts, and minds with his unique songs, offbeat observations, moving stories, sense of the hilarious, and powerful singing and subject matter.

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"to knock out cancer." Her advice: "be willtions have received financial support. ing to work hard."

She called the past few months of training, "one of the hardest things I've done. It's physically demanding." The Burlington resident said she's lost 20

For those interested in attending, tickets are available through the website. If you use

McGrail's passcode, which is her last name, that money will go toward her fundraising She encourages anyone touched by can-

cer ("and we've all been touched by cancer," she said) to consider participating. "You'll be pushed physically but have a

great support system," she remarked. "They're very encouraging. Haymakers (for Hope) does a lot of outreach and they'll link you up with past fighters. It's an amazing community of support."

Haymakers for Hope

The organization has raised more than \$25M for organizations fighting cancer. They've held 43 boxing events since 2011 with 1,200 alumni. More than 175 organiza-

The group also sponsors other events including the Beltway Brawl V scheduled for Washington D.C., the 2024 Berlin Marathon and More Pig, Less Cancer, a benefit scheduled for Sept. 21 to help fight pediatric

Haymakers for Hope's Belles of the Brawl will be the organizations 11th edition. So far, all told, fighters have raised \$339,000. Haymakers for Hope wants to raise \$600,000.

Some of the fighters include a firefighter, a personal trainer, a product group manager, an ob/gyn, a pediatric nurse practitioner, a director of management consulting, an attorney, a fixed income trader, a hair stylist, a middle school English teacher, a physical therapist, a transportation engineer, a legal recruiting specialist, a behavioral health therapist, a crossfit trainer, an administrative assistant, and an elementary school teacher, among

Ages range from 26-54. Every fighter has raised at least \$1,000, with several already crossing the \$10,000 mark (including Mc-

— At the Regent Theatre, Sunday, September 22 -

World Premiere of "Jimmy Tingle: The 'Radical' Middle — Why Would a Comedian Run for Office?" heads to Arlington

Nationally recognized comedian, commentator, producer, and activist Jimmy Tingle's new documentary, Jimmy Tingle: The "Radical" Middle—Why Would a Comedian Run for Office? will have its world premiere at the Regent Theatre in Arlington (7 Medford Street) on Sunday, September 22, at 6:00 PM followed by a seriously funny talk back with Tingle (doors open at 5:00). The event is the kickoff for Tingle's "Humor for Humanity Whistle Stop Tour" featuring screenings and talkbacks across New England, inspired by this year's presidential election.

The original and autobiographical 50minute film features a compilation of Tingle's stand-up performances, clips from his debut on "The Tonight Show Starring Johnny Carson," his "60-Minutes II" commentary on Donald Trump in 2000, and at-home interviews. The film chronicles his fascinating transition from seasoned comedian to serious politician after receiving a master's in public policy from Harvard's Kennedy School of Government (where he was his class's commencement speaker). For his first—and so far, only—foray into politics, he ran a grassroots campaign for lieutenant governor of Massachusetts, where he earned an impressive 41.1% of the vote in the 2018 Democratic pri-

Although he isn't running for office this election year, he aspires to contribute to the national dialogue in a hopeful, positive—and funny—way with his film. Through the healing power of humor, commentary, and conversation Tingle aims to challenge audiences

to move beyond the politics of tweets, sound bites, and the 24/7 news cycle and into the realm of long-term thinking and life-affirming possibility as the United States faces the election of 2024 with a myriad of emotions, passions and theories

To date, additional shows on Tingle's "Humor for Humanity Whistle Stop Tour" in-

September 26: Chatham Orpheum Theater, Chatham, MA (tickets)

September 27: Shea Theater Arts Center, Turner Falls, MA

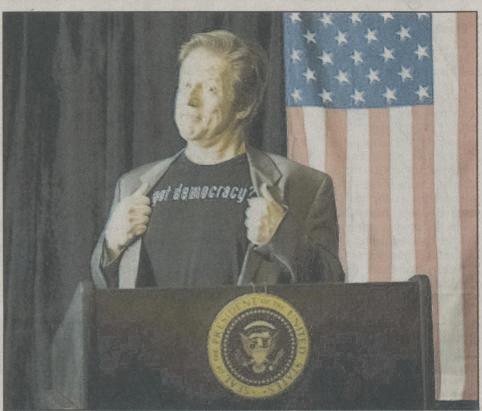
October 4: MV Film Society, Martha's Vineyard, MA (tickets)

October 19: The Park Theatre, Jaffrey, NH November 14: Dreamland Film, Theatre & Cultural Center, Nantucket, MA

Comic friends Steven Wright and Paula Poundstone-both Boston natives-are big fans of the film, as is author and former Boston Globe columnist James Carroll. "Government matters! That's why a comedian runs for office," says Carroll. "Jimmy Tingle. with humor and cracking wit, uses common sense to protect the common good from those who would tear down its essential political structures. No joke. This is Tingle at his best."

Tickets to the world premiere at the Regent Theatre are \$20 in advance and \$25 on day of show (plus service fees) and are available at bit.ly/JimmyTingle2024.

For more information about Jimmy Tingle the film, visit https://www. jimmytingle.com.



POLITICAL PARTY - 'Jimmy Tingle: The "Radical" Middle—Why Would a Comedian Run for Office?' will have its world premiere at the Regent Theatre in Arlington (7 Medford Street) on Sunday, September 22, at 6:00 PM followed by a seriously funny talk back with Tingle (doors open at 5:00). The event is the kickoff for Tingle's "Humor for Humanity Whistle Stop Tour" featuring . screenings and talkbacks across New England, inspired by this year's presidential election. (Courtesy Photo)

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Tewksbury Police Log

Two people arrested for alleged break in at liquor store

Monday, September 9

10:16 a.m. - Caller reported his neighbor was playing pickle ball on a private tennis court on a private property during the day at Regis Road. The noise was interfering with his work at home. Caller requested to speak to an officer. Police sent. They advised the caller of the town bylaws regarding noise. Caller was referred to town hall regarding any further complaints about a pickle ball court on a residential property.

11:46 a.m. - Caller reported a package was taken pff her front porch at Claire Street. Officer filed a report.

1:05 p.m. - A 911 caller reported a male party drank alcohol while in the drive through at Wendy's. Caller reported vehicle was a cream colored Toyota van. It was last seen taking a right on Andover Street. Police sent. Officer spoke with staff and checked the area, but gone on arrival.

8:13 p.m. - Caller reported a car driving in the

power lines and was heading toward Andover at Pinnacle Street. No vehicle description. Police sent, but they gone on arrival.

Tuesday, September 10

9:31 a.m. - Caller stated he was an employee at Circle K reporting a customer frequently came to the store and started yelling at him. Caller would like the male no trespassed. Caller reported the male was wearing a blue shirt, jeans, and work boots. Police sent. No trespass order was given to the male party.

11:57 a.m. - A 911 caller reported an argument with another driver at Marshall's. Caller was in a gray Honda CRV and would meet the officer in front. Police sent. Lowell Police Department contacted due to incident occurring in their town. Party would be going to Lowell Police Department to file a report.

6:44 p.m. - Caller stated a male and a female argued both in white sedans and one of the sedans had an out of state plate at Boudreaux's Automotive. Police sent. Vehicles were gone on arrival.

7:21 p.m. - Caller stated yesterday a tan male wearing a red hat and carrying trash bags approached kids asking for their basketball at Livingston Street Park. Female can not confirm he was there currently. Police sent. No sign of male.

Wednesday, September 11

9:14 a.m. - A 911 caller reported female walking in her front yard at Tomahawk Drive. A white female wore workout clothes, blue long sleeved shirt, and black pants with a dog in a carriage. Police sent. Officer spoke to the party; her dog went to the bathroom on the lawn and she was picking it up.

10:29 a.m. - Manager terminated a male party a few weeks ago and male party kept coming to store and getting verbally aggressive with employees at Speedway Gas Station. Police sent. Officer served no trespass in hand to male

6:51 p.m. - Caller would

like to file a report about a threatening email at Meade Street. He got the email saying they have access to his computer records and supposedly send a picture of woods behind the caller's house. Police sent. Officer filed a report.

11:21 p.m. - A 911 caller reported she believed two teenage boys wearing gray hoodies were attempting to break in to Smitty's Liquors. They were kicking in the door, and it looked like it shattering the glass. Police sent. Aiden Holguin, 18, of Lynn, was arrested and charged with breaking and entering building nighttime for felony, larceny from building, and vandalize property. Miguel Gomes, 21, of 33 Page Ave. in Kingston, was arrested and charged with breaking and entering nighttime for felony, larceny for building, and vandalize property.

Thursday, September 12

1:11 p.m. - Caller stated dog in the car at Applebees Restaurant. Police sent. They checked the area. Dog was in good health.

4:09 p.m. - Caller reported a Toyota SUV cut him off and was driving erratically at East Street and Lee Street. Vehicle was driving slowly. Police sent. Officer filed a report.

Friday, September 13

9:09 a.m. - A 911 caller

stated erratic driver crossing over double yellow heading into oncoming traffic at Haffner's. Police sent. Call was transferred vehicle in Wilmington Police Department.

12:47 p.m. - Caller stated male party was refusing to leave the room after checkout at Extended Stay America. Police sent. Officer spoke to party; he removed his items from the room and was working on getting a ride.

2:37 p.m. - Police out with a motor vehicle at Home Depot. Thomas Ash, 55, of 102 Greendale Ave. in Methuen, was arrested and charged with two counts of a warrant for drug possession class b, a warrant for drug possession class A drugs, a warrant for malicious destruction property, two warrant for fugitive from justice, and operate motor vehicle with license

2:39 p.m. - Calling party reported suspicious activity in the area of Fiske Street and Andover Street. The driver was wearing a hoodie and a medical face mask. Vehicle was seen putting up some kind of sign on the telephone pole on Fiske and took off on 133 toward Andover. All businesses and hotels in the 133 area checked with nothing found.

Saturday, September 14

5:48 a.m. - Caller stated

he was an Uber driver and a customer said he would shoot him if he didn't open the door because he heard on the news about Uber drivers kidnapping people at Hilton Garden Inn. Police sent. Contacted the front desk and stated they didn't have a male party that matched the description. Officer filed a report.

5 p.m. - Caller reported a suspicious vehicle parking in front of his house at Elm Avenue. Caller reported a Toyota SUV. Caller believed this was a narcotics transaction. Police sent. Nothing suspicious. The vehicle was legally parked on the street and a neighbor was having a

9:24 p.m. - Caller reported approximately 30 vehicles in the lot at Knowledge Beginnings and was concerned that it may be teenagers that might be drinking. Police sent. All cars in the lot were unoccupied and there was no one walking around the

Sunday, September 15

8:10 a.m. - Front desk reported she received a call from a female reporting she was being threatened from a neighbor at Motel 6. Front desk believed caller was in room 156 but she was unsure. Police sent. Two guests had a disagreement over a dog, no threats made.



Wilmington Police Log

Woburn woman arrested for OUI-Liquor

Friday, Sept. 6:

5:14 a.m.: A woman at the MBTA station on Main Street reported a man yelling and screaming nearby. Police caught up with him after he got on a train to Boston, and was asked to behave. It was discovered that this man matched the description of a man that had been dropped off by Tewksbury police, with MBTA police being given the man's information in

12:53 p.m.: A caller on Middlesex Avenue reported that a white Acura TL v6 operated by a white man with spiky hair and glasses struck the caller's vehicle, and had been harassing another person before the accident. The Acura afterwards left the scene continuing on Rt. 62 towards Burlington. The vehicle was later reported to be heading down Rt. 62 towards Burlington on the wrong side of the road.

8:49 p.m.: Jo Ella Barnes, of 290 Mishawum Road, Apt. #6060, in Woburn, was arrested for OUI-Liquor over .08%. This followed a caller at Richdale on Middlesex Avenue reporting that there was a car in the middle of the road, with the woman operating it flashing in and out of consciousness

Saturday, Sept. 7:

2:57 a.m.: Roseline Elistin were deployed. of 79 Arlington St., Apt. #24, in Framingham, was issued a summons for unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle, and a motor vehicle lights violation. This followed a stop of her gray 2018 Honda CR-V near Charles River Lab on Ballardvale Street.

1:56 p.m.: Sean Fitzgerald O'Donoghue of 15 West St., in Wilmington, was issued a summons for operating a motor vehicle with a suspended license, and operating a motor vehicle in violation of license class. This followed a caller on West Street reporting two motorcycles racing up and down the street.

8:31 p.m.: A caller, who was away in Virginia, reported that their adult son, who lives on Evergreen Drive, was frightened by an unknown party banging on his door. Police discovered that the source of the knocking was building maintenance trying to determine the source of a water leak, and were able to resolve the miscommunication.

Sunday, Sept. 8:

11:23 a.m.: A yellow 2005 Toyota Corolla and a black 2018 Mercedes GLC300 were involved in a motor vehicle accident on Nichols Street. No injuries were reported, and no airbags

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1:17 p.m.: A caller at the Market Basket on Main Street reported that her wallet was stolen, and that she received a text alert from her credit card company seeking to verify an attempted purchase.

9:48 p.m.: Kaliston de Andrade Ramos of 10 Vine St., Apt. #2B, in Haverhill, was issued a summons for a number plate violation, not having a valid inspection sticker, and operating a motor vehicle with a suspended license. This followed a stop of his gray 2011 Ford F150 on Church Street

Monday, Sept. 9:

11:33 a.m.: A walk-in party from Horseshoe Lane reported a missing hand-

1:37 p.m.: A gray 2016 Mazda 3 Sport and a gray 2022 GMC Sierra were involved in a motor vehicle accident on West Street. No airbags were deployed, and both parties declined medical assistance.

5:41 p.m.: Joao V Alves of 72 Pleasant St., in Somerville, was issued a summons for unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle, operating a motor vehicle with a suspended or revoked registration, and not having a valid inspection sticker. This followed a stop of his gray 2008 Toyota Prius on Lowell

Tuesday, Sept. 10:

9:22 a.m.: A caller on Fletcher Lane reported a gray 2009 Acura TL driving slowly through the neighborhood before turning back onto Kilmarnock. The caller stated that the same car had done this a few times in the spring, but police were unable to find the vehicle, even as several other callers would report the vehicle later in the day.

12:36 p.m.: A caller at Procopio Companies on Lowell Street reported a hit-and-run that had occurred between a red 2022 Toyota Corolla Cross and a white/red 2023 Advance Mixer approximately 30 minutes prior. Police assisted with paperwork ex-

3:40 p.m.: A caller reported that a car hit a bicyclist on Shawsheen Avenue, and that the bicyclist got up and was headed towards Billerica. However, police were unable to find either party.

Wednesday, Sept. 11:

7:17 a.m.: A man on Aldrich Road reported that someone broke into his car, although nothing appeared to be stolen, just went through. The man was advised to call back if he discovered that anything was missing.

11:20 a.m.: A gray 2014 Subaru Outback and a gray 2012 Honda Odyssey were involved in a motor vehicle accident on Arlene Avenue. Injuries were reported, but patients refused transport.

Thursday, Sept. 12:

9:23 p.m.: An employee at the Wilmington House of Pizza on Main Street reported that the garage door to the business was open, despite no one being on site. After the owner arrived, it was discovered that several burglar alarms had been tripped. However, a walk-through was conducted, and nothing appeared to be out of order, so the situation was most likely an oversight.

Girl Scouts of Eastern Massachusetts announces new chief executive officer

WALTHAM Scouts of Eastern Massachusetts (GSEMA) Board of Directors has appointed Monica Roberts as the council's next Chief Executive Officer (CEO). The announcement follows a comprehensive nationwide search conducted by BoardWalk Consulting, which was initiated after Barbara Fortier's retirement announcement after 23 years of dedicated service. Roberts will assume her role as head of Massachusetts' largest girl-serving organization on Nov. 1.

"Engaging BoardWalk Consulting to lead the search process ensured we found a leader who aligns with our mission and values. Monica stood out as someone who will uphold our traditions and innovate to meet the needs of today's girls," said Kelly Corwin, Chair of GSEMA's CEO Transition Task Force. "Her passion for empowering young women and her proven leadership in the nonprofit sector make her the ideal choice to guide our organization into the future."

As CEO, Roberts will expertly balance her roles as leader, fundraiser, part-



ner, and chief Girl Scout advocate. With a commitment to innovation, she will champion programs that break barriers, foster exploration, and inspire the next generation of leaders. Through her leadership, Girl Scout programs will continue to empower young women to lead with courage and confidence.

"With nearly three decades of distinguished leadership in education and youth development, Monica brings a wealth of experience and a profound commitment to improving educational and life outcomes for youth," said Deb Taft, GSEMA Board Chair and President. "Monica's personal mission aligns perfectly with our values, and we are excited to see her drive innovation and inspire the next generation of leaders across our 178 communities."

Roberts joins Girl Scouts of Eastern Massachusetts from City Year Greater Boston, where she currently serves as Senior Vice President and Executive Director. In this role, she successfully led the organization's expansion beyond Boston, increased City Year's visibility locally, amplified the organization's business model, and improved student outcomes and total partnership satisfaction. Monica's extended tenure with Boston Public Schools included notable achievements as Chief of Family and Community Advancement, where she played a pivotal role in shaping the district's public engagement strategy and contributed to the Superintendent's cab-

"I am deeply honored to be appointed as the new CEO of Girl Scouts of Eastern Massachusetts. This role represents an incredible opportunity to build on the organization's legacy of empowering young women and fostering leadership," stated Roberts. "My commitment to creating equitable opportunities aligns with GSEMA's mission to inspire and support the next generation of leaders. I look forward to working with the talented team and dedicated community to advance our shared vision and make the world a better place." To learn more about Girl Scouts of Eastern Massachusetts, please visit www.gsema.org.

About Girl Scouts of Eastern Massachusetts Girl Scouts of Eastern Massachusetts (GSEMA) is 31,500 strong, with 20,000 girls and 11,500 volunteers in 178 communities in eastern Massachusetts; Girl Scouting builds girls of courage, confidence, and character, who make the world a better place. GSEMA is the largest girl-serving organization in Massachusetts and the tenthlargest Girl Scout council in the United States. Girl Scouts is the preeminent leadership development

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WILDCATS EARN FIRST WIN

WHS volleyball sweeps Watertown

By DOUG HASTINGS Sports Correspondent sports@yourtowncrier.com

On Monday, the Wilmington High volleyball team chalked up its first victory of the season with a 3-0

sweep over Watertown. Madeline Krueger led the way for WHS with eight kills and a block. Katherine Hao also sparked the offense with eight assists. Kaleigh Quinn was effective from the service line

with six aces. On defense, Sabrina Gray has eight digs and 32 receptions on serves.

In its previous match, Wilmington lost to Stoneham 3-2 in an exciting match that saw the Spartans take the first set before the Wildcats won Sets 2 and 3. Stoneham rallied to win Set 4 and the decisive fifth set, 15-9.

In a 3-0 loss to Lexington,Krueger led the way with four kills. Hao won four points on her serve and four assists.

BOYS SOCCER EDGED BY TEWKSBURY

The Wilmington High boys soccer team fell to 0-5 overall with a 1-0 loss to Tewksbury on Saturday.

WHS played solid defense against the Redmen, but couldn't beat the Redmen defense.

Tyler Marinho had five stops in goal for the Wildcats. Wilmington is just 0-1 in Freedom Division competition as the only division game was a 3-1 loss to Stoneham.

WHS has four huge games on the horizon.

After a Tuesday match with Watertown, the Wildcats host Melrose on Thursday afternoon. Next Monday night, WHS hosts Burlington at Wilmington High starting at 6:15 p.m. before a Wednesday home game against Wakefield at 4:15 p.m.

CROSS COUNTRY EDGED BY WOBURN

The Wilmington High boys and girls cross country teams opened up their dual meet season on Tuesday, Sept. 10 at home against Woburn High School.

The boys lost to a strong Woburn team by a score of 19-40.

The top five finishers for the Wildcats were:

• 4th place - Dean Ciampa (17:09)

• 6th place - Gavin Dong

• 7th place - David Dynan (18:11)

• 11th place - Jake Cronin (18:41) · 12th place - Cooper Hol-

leran (19:02) The girls lost a close one

27-28. Top performers for the

Wildcats were: • 1st place - Addy Hunt

(20:20)

· 2nd place - Charlotte Kiley (20:33)

• 6th place - Kaitlyn Shac-

kelford (23:25)

• 9th place - Cayley Is-

raelson (24:06)

• 10th place - Bella Zaya (24:30)

GOLFERS TOP WATERTOWN

The Wilmington High golf team earned a 40.5 - 31.5 victory over Watertown at Hillview Golf Course.

Juniors Derek Perault (7-2), Will Poyant (6.5-2.5), and sophomore Ryan Archer (6.5-2.5) led Wilmington to a Middlesex Freedom league win over Watertown. Senior captain Ayden Bal-

ter (5.5-3.5) posted a big win and junior Matt Driscoll halved his match (4.5-4.5) helping to secure the victory.

Balter and Abigail Mitchell are the captains this

"After snapping a 62 match losing streak last year, we're looking to continue to improve and build up the golf program at Wilmington," said WHS coach Mike Maloney. "We once again had a large number of students come out for the team and we think we've developed a good pipeline of talent. Returners from last year's lineup, Nate Anderson, Roman Synott, Matt Driscoll, and Ryan Archer are expected to make a big jump forward. Will Poyant, who came on late last season, along with transfers Isaac **Tavares and Derek Perault** are also expected to be major contributors this season. Our biggest strength this year will be our depth. In addition to the abovementioned players, new addition Connor Sullivan, returning varsity member Noah Titterington, and returning JV players Cam Thompson and David McDonaugh-Padden give us lots of options and great

VICTORY FOR GIRLS SOCCER

internal competition.

The Wilmington High girls soccer team improved to 1-3 with a 2-1 win over Stoneham last week.

Wilmington got on to the scoreboard first when Jill Collins broke through on the left side of the field to find an open Arianna Cook, who managed to slice the ball around the goalkeeper at the 10-minute mark of the second half.

The offense for the Wildcats managed to find the back of the net again at the 23rd minute mark when Emma Nolan stole a ball at midfield and got it through to Cate McDonald. After receiving and moving the ball to an open space, McDonald banged a shot around the goalkeeper to put the Wildcats up by two.

Stoneham rallied and was able to narrow the lead at the 27th minute mark when Ally Carpentieri banged a one timer off of a rebound. The Spartans pushed a bit

more and created a few more opportunities but the defense from the Wildcats held on until the last whistle.

SCHEDULE **GETTING BETTER** FOR FIELD HOCKEY The Wilmington High

Wilmington's Joe Glaser (left) and Tewksbury's John Pacheco battle for the ball during Saturday's varsity soccer game. (Credit Image: James Thomas)

field hockey didn't have an

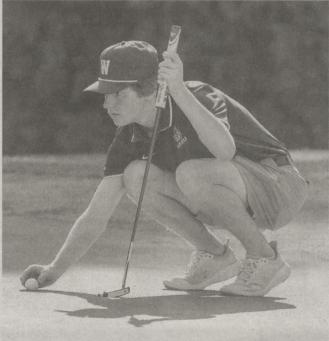
easy start to the season. The young Wildcats had to face Watertown, Winchester, Arlington, Lexington and Stoneham to open

the 2024 campaign. As a result, WHS started the year with an 0-5 rec-

ord, but with home games

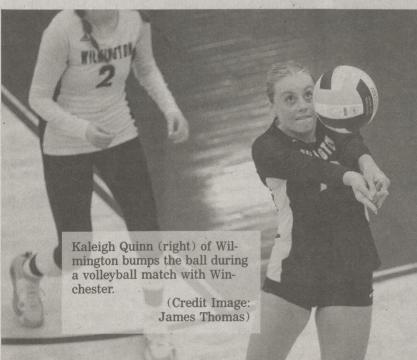
against Melrose (Wednesday) and Burlington (Friday) this week. Friday's contest with the Red Devils starts at 4:15 p.m.

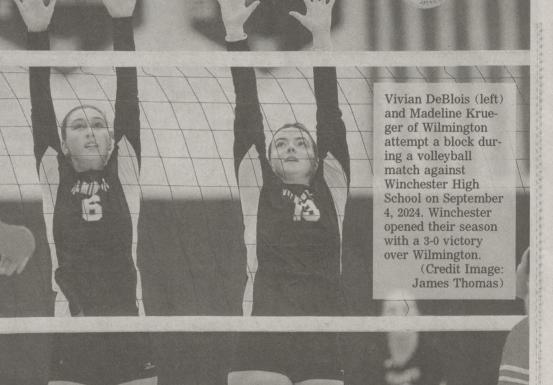




▲ Wilmington's Ryan Archer lines up his putt at the second hole during a golf match Monday afternoon at Hillview golf course. (Credit Image: James Thomas)







Shawsheen football blasts Belmont

Defense doesn't allow single first down in blowout win

By DOUG HASTINGS **Sports Correspondent** sports@yourtowncrier.com

The offense scored 48 points.

Wow. The defense, might have

been even better. On a night that saw the

Shawsheen Tech football team not allow a first down all night long, the Rams toppled Belmont by a 48-0 score.

The Marauders, the cochampions of the Middlesex League's Liberty Division last season, had negative total yards for the contest, by a lot.

The second half featured running time throughout as the Rams improved to 2-0.

While Belmont ended up using four quarterbacks in all, Shawsheen also went to the bullpen in the second half as junior Adam Caruso of Billerica relieved senior Sid Tildsley after Tildsley had another monster effort in earning his 30th career victory as Shawsheen's quarterback.

Shawsheen coach Al Costabile was thrilled to get his entire roster onto the field as three huge non-league contests approach for the Rams.

"We got everybody in."

Costabile said. "Every kid played. It was an honor to get every kid in. I know they want to play a lot, but the fact that everybody played is an accomplishment because there is over 60 kids."

Despite the lopsided final score, the Shawsheen offense didn't have a single scoring drive in a first quarter that saw them lead 14-0 when it ended.

Tildsley was intercepted by Belmont's William Hendrickson on the third play from scrimmage.

Three plays later, Tildsley was in the end zone after an 89-yard punt return for a touchdown.

Tildsley caught the ball at the 11-vard line and sprinted down the right sideline untouched with 3:48 gone by.

The Marauders faced a fourth-and-12 just three minutes later and punted. Tildsley did it again, bring the return back 56 yards for a score. Senior Jack Finn's extra point made it 14-0.

Belmont quarterback Lucas Cadet was injured in that second series and did not return, pushing junior Kyle Curtis behind center and the Ram defense wasn't any kinder to Curtis.

Shawsheen took a 21-0 lead just 1:06 into the second quarter when Tildsley



hit junior Dyllon Pratt A James Tildsley runs through the end zone after scoring his first varsity touch-(Photo by Doug Hastings)



▲ Coach Al Costabile talks to his team before Friday's game in Belmont. (Photo by Doug Hastings)

with a 17-yard touchdown down against Belmont. pass. The eight-play, 46yard drive was highlighted by a 6-yard pass to senior Brayton Carbone on a fourth-and-four from the 29-yard line.

Just 64 seconds later, the Rams scored again when sophomore Quinn Carbone sacked Curtis, forcing a fumble that was scooped by junior James Tildsley and returned 21 yards for a touchdown.

touchdown for the hardhitting middle linebacker.

Curtis was injured on the play and Belmont used running back Wyatt Sclafani at quarterback for the rest of the half. Sclafani handed off to teammate Amir Mollineau on his first play from scrimmage and James Tildsley stripped the ball out of Mollineau's hands. Brayton Carbone recovered and senior Zack Timmons scored four plays later, busting loose for a 22-yard touchdown run with 6:42 still to play in the first half.

Finn's fifth extra point made it 35-0.

Shawsheen finished the half with a 78-yard drive that took only seven plays to materialize.

Timmons had runs of 15 and 18 yards before a 36yard reception by junior Jake Banda to the 1-yard line. Banda scored on a 1yard run with 13 seconds left in the half. Finn's extra point hit the upright and missed, giving the Rams a 41-0 lead at halftime.

Shawsheen's only score of the second half was a 1yard run by sophomore Louis Lizotte on the first play of the fourth quarter. Caruso was at quarter-

back for the final two

quarters while several backs saw carries including Lizotte, senior Trent Wedge, junior Caleb McDevitt and junior Shane O'Neill. A 36-yard run by Wedge highlighted the second half for Shawsheen.

"We did what we had to do," Costabile said.

The Rams visit Winthrop next week for a difficult non-league test, a string of three difficult games in a row for Shawsheen.

"Winthrop is a very difficult place to win on the road," the coach said. "We have our hands full next Friday night."

Another long night for the Wildcats North Reading pulls away from WHS football team

By DAN ZIMMERMAN **Sports Correspondent** sports@yourtowncrier.com

Sid Tildsley runs for

(Photo by

Doug Hastings)

some yardage

against Belmont.

WILMINGTON — On the heels of a 48-6 defeat to Chelmsford in an endowment game a week earlier, the Wilmington High football team set its sights on last Friday's visit by nonleague opponent North Reading as an opportunity to bounce back in the season opener.

The Hornets had other plans, however, as they ran roughshod over their host, 52-18.

On the strength of five first-half touchdowns, North Reading had amassed what proved to be an insurmountable 38-12 advantage

The Wildcats, meanwhile, were unable to get their ground game on track. Quarterback Mark Holleran, tasked with the lion's share of the rushing duties, labored for 34-yards on 15 carries.

"We have to get this fixed," said Wilmington seventh-year coach Craig Tur-

ner. "I think there is a lot of talent on this team but we have to lock in the things that we're asked to do. Assignment-wise, we're just not doing the things we're coached to do. Honestly, that's not on the kids that's on us, the coaches."

Early in the contest, the Wildcats were able to keep

North Reading capped off a brief game opening series, adding a 2-point conversion on a faked PAT to

make it 8-0. Wilmington answered minutes later, capitalizing on deep field position after the Hornets committed a pair of 15-yard infractions. Junior wide receiver Colin Allard hauled in a Holler 0an 13-yard touch pass, nosing the ball over the pylon to polish off a 7-play, 47-yard drive. The Wildcats misfired on the 2-point

conversion and trailed, 8-6. North Reading, which scored on five of seven first half possessions, added back-to-back 37- yard TDs, one pass and one rush, as the opening quarter came to a close.

Wilmington narrowed the deficit with a 12-yard Holleran TD rush early in the second.

The QB was also 4-for-4 on the series, finding senior Connor Lovell and junior Pasquale DeLucia for a pair of catches each. In all, Holleran completed 16 of 27 for 192-yards and two

Turnovers proved costly in the second half.

A pair of Wildcat fumbles and a botched punt each led to points for the opposition and before long, North Reading was comfortably

in front. Turner would likely ag-

ree that while the Wildcat offense could use a tweak or two, it's the defense that needs to be revamped. On two separate long rushes for scores, North Reading tailbacks reached pay dirt, untouched by a defender.

"Honestly, we made every mistake you can make," said Turner. "They beat us tonight on offense, defense, and special teams. This was a tough night and we have a lot to figure out."

Small victory, perhaps, but the Wildcats defended well against a late Hornet 30-yard field goal try, forcing a miss. Midway through the third, Holleran connected for his second throwing TD of the evening, finding an unguarded Allard for a 54-yarder. The Wildcats again left points on the field, coming up short on a third straight 2-point conversion.

With the game all but decided, the officials ran the fourth quarter game clock unabated.

"We have to get a better idea of what we're doing so we can put ourselves in a spot to be successful," said Turner. "Until we do, we are going to have tough nights like this. We have to get it figured out fast."

Wilmington will host the winless Saugus Sachems on Friday at 6 p.m.



Shawsheen Tech Roundup:

Volleyball team wins fifth straight

By DOUG HASTINGS **Sports Correspondent** sports@yourtowncrier.com

With two more 3-0 sweeps over Innovation Academy and Lynn Tech, the Shawsheen Tech volleyball team improved its record to 5-0.

The Rams have won four matches by 3-0 scores this season along with an exciting 3-2 victory over Tewksbury.

Against Innovation, Shawsheen won by scores of 25-20, 25-16, 25-18.

Junior Frankie Reardon took charge of Ram the offense with 12 assists and 8 kills and junior Izzy DiSalvo held down the defense with 10 digs.

Against Lynn Tech, Shawsheen won 25-10, 25-19, 25-

GOLFERS LOSE FIRST The Shawsheen Tech golf team suffered its first loss of the season to Burlington High last week at the Patriot Golf Course by a score of 153-171.

Low medalist for the Rams was Joe DaSilva with a 38 and 31 points.

Also playing well for the Rams were Larry Cullity with a 39 and 30 points, Dylan Higson with a 40 and 26 points, Ryan Dodge with a 42 and 25 points, Aidan Fortunato with a 44 and 22 points and Brennan Skelly with a 45 and 19 points.

The Rams beat Northeast Tech by a score of 167-127 at the Merrimack Valley Golf Club.

Low medalist for the Round was Max Carpenter with a 37 and 34 points.

Also scoring for the Rams were Fortunato with a 40 and 29 points, Larry Carpenter with a 41 and 28 points, Tyler Frediani with a 40 and 28 points, DaSilva with a 43 and 25 points and Dodge with a 44 and 23



GIRLS SOCCER FALLS The Shawsheen Tech girls soccer team dropped a non-league game against Groton-Dunstable last week by a 5-1 score, dropping

the Rams to 1-2. Cera Salter junior mid-fielder scored the only Shawsheen goal off a free kick. Her shot was 5 yards back from the top of the

Several great saves were made by Ram senior goalie Sydney MacPherson and coach Doug Michaud was pleased with his midfield of Ava Noble junior captain, Jailyn DiNuccio junior, Salter junior, Layla Gomez sophomore, Kristal Wells junior, and Judith Sloman senior.

> **BOYS SOCCER EARNS A WIN**

The Shawsheen Tech boys soccer team earned its first win 1-0 over the Lynn Tech Tigers at the Manning Bowl on a hot September Saturday.

Sophomore Joe Mytych got the shutout in goal in his first varsity start and senior Jason Spaniol netted the game-winning goal midway through the second half after a cross from senior Layne Coutu.

Playing well for Shawsheen were Jack Morin, senior Shaun Duhamel and sophomore Moris López.

In a 3-0 loss to Northeast, Rams that played well included senior Jayden Perez, senior Ethan Melanson, López and junior Davide Vitale.

On Monday, Shawsheen fell to Dracut, 2-0, dropping the Rams to 1-3 on the year.

Standouts for Shawsheen were Perez, Melanson, senior Jayson Dube, senior Nick Palmerino and and senior Ollie Ferrer.

Longhorns fall in playoffs

Woburn-based ECFL squad ousted by Raptors

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After finishing the regular season with a 23-14 victory over the Tri State Bruins. the Middlesex County Longhorns football team dropped its playoff opener against the Rhode Island

Raptors by a 28-13 score. It was third time this season that the Raptors defeated the Longhorns, leaving the Woburn-based squad with a 5-5 overall record.

It was also the third time this year that the Longhorns and Raptors played a tight game.

The Raptors won the season opener between the teams by a 19-16 score on June 15 and then edged the Longhorns by a 9-8 margin on July 27.

Prior to the playoff loss, Middlesex topped the Bruins behind two touchdowns by Jesse Round and a score by former Woburn High standout Chucky Ortiz.

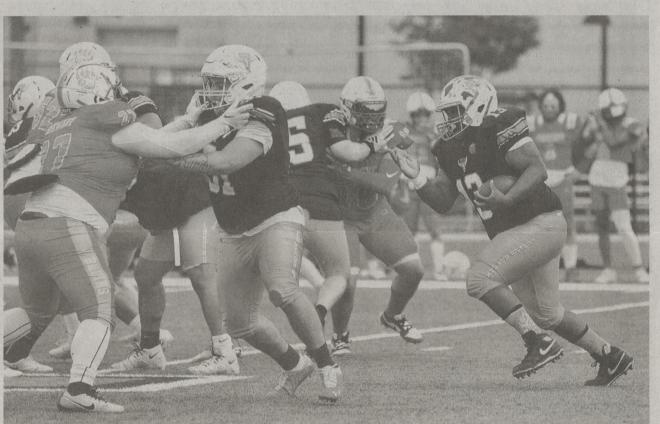
The Longhorns also had a safety when the defense sacked the Bruins quarterback in the end zone.

It was a successful season for the East Coast Football League squad both on and off the field.

Recently, the organization donated backpacks stuffed with school supplies to students in need.

During last Saturday's final home game, Woburn Mayor Mike Concannon was in attendance and did the ceremonial pregame coin toss.

Concannon was a good luck charm of sorts for the Longhorns, who went on to win that contest.

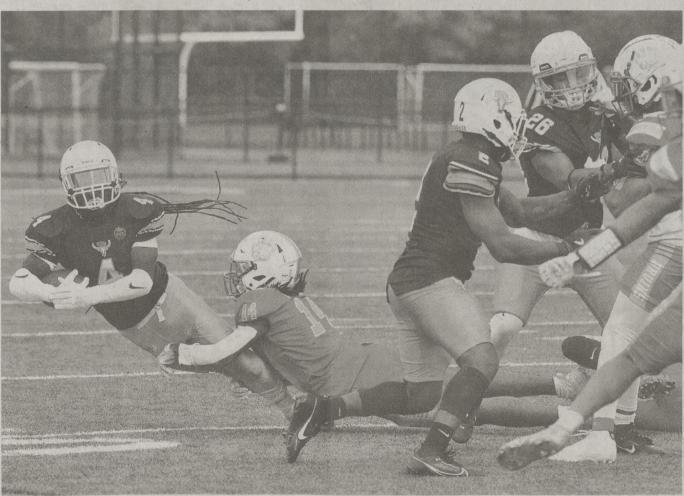




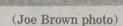
▲ Ernest Jones of the Longhorns gains some (Joe Brown photo) yards.

◄ The Middlesex County Longhorns were fortunate enough to have a visit from Mayor Mike Concannon at their last home game at Woburn High. Pictures above are (from left) General Manager Maria DeGree, Leroy Grant of the ECFL, Mayor Concannon and owner of the Longhorns Kevin Maurice.

(Courtesy photo)



▲ DJ Satchre of the Longhorns is tackled at the line of scrimmage.





▲ Longhorn quarterback Khylie Pena rolls out for a pass.

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